

“...there is more that makes the state click than Northrop Grumman.” – **McCoy**

“Most members are against being in special session only two months before the regular session.” – **McCoy**

“...the House hasn’t voted on an economic development bond bill because there’s no “mutual trust”... -- **McCoy**

“...it is a waste of money to do it now.” – **McCoy**

“We’re working as hard as we can to get an agreement as soon as we can.” – **McCoy**

“We feel like there’s always room for an amicable conclusion.” – **McCoy**

"The majority of the committee don't think it's an emergency." -- **Watson**

"We've got to hold out until the governor realizes that he doesn't get what he wants until we get what we want." - **Blackmon**

"(I'm) sick and tired of being told what to do by the Senate, and then being made to look like the bad guy" - **Ellis**

"I learned this kind of politics from an English springer spaniel I once had. I used to hear 'boom, boom, boom' as he slammed against our fence. That fence never moved and he never gave up. You know what happened to him? He died. I look at us in this House as being that fence." - **Blackmon**

"We need to look to see if any of *OUR* companies (in Northeast MS) need some help." - **Franks**

"**Watson** said many members were hesitant to pass the economic package because that

would take a bargaining chip off the table when negotiating what other bonds to issue.”

“But many members of the **Ways and Means Committee** said they wanted to consider the entire package at once – especially considering the state’s current tough financial condition.”

“**Watson** said the \$400 million is a starting point for talks, and said he was citing a \$500 million figure to his committee because he expects lawmakers to add projects they want for their districts.”

“Rep. Mark Baker attempted to force a vote to take the governor’s bill out of Ways and Means’ control and have the full House vote. But Speaker Billy **McCoy** refused to recognize Baker for his motion.”

House leaders make no bones about it. They are withholding money promised to help a Northrop Grumman shipyards expansion because they don't get along with Barbour and

the Senate and don't trust them anymore to help maintain education, health care and other institutions they hold dear.

This stance is fairly significant. Lawmakers don't often admit they're holding or killing legislation because of politics..." – **Sun Herald**